

Adult Tour Introduction

Welcome:

- Introduce yourself and the museum
- Learn who visitors are, where they are from; allows you to connect with them and may give information you can use to connect with discussions about the art
 - What motivated you to visit today?
- Have they visited the museum before?
 - When was the last time you visited us?
 - If not here, when was the last time you visited another museum?
 - What do you remember?
- Any types of art they love or maybe don't love?
- Be enthusiastic, warm and friendly; use humor and emphasize having fun
- Set the tone for the time together

What:

- Topic of the tour
- Length of tour
- Walking through the tour; mention availability of elevators if anyone wishes to use them

Where:

- How many galleries/spaces to be visited
- If topical tour, which galleries/spaces

How:

- Interactive, conversational and participatory
- Interested in visitors' ideas and perceptions; often hear something new
- Their tour not yours; going to experience the art together
- All perspectives are welcome when it comes to what we think or see in an artwork

Guidelines/etiquette:

- No food, drink, gum
- Backpacks worn on the front
- Photos are allowed (exceptions will be noted for you)
- Please don't touch the art (unless docent shows where it's permitted)

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